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PAPER OF COCHISE COUNTY

Lamar is to be commended for refusing to allow Sparks to conduct all the business of the Department of the Interior. Sparks in the matter of the land in other cases convince that he is a demagogue whom administration can well get along with.

Governor has appointed J. K. Lamar to be a member of the State Board of Directors. It was Lamar's duty to travel about the State and to "Hon." prefixed to his name, "the Wild Ass of Siskiyou" hitched to the end thereof. This last was disrespectful and irreverent. Mr. Luttrell, like the Marquis de Sade, is a great statesman.—L. A. Times.

It is amusing to see the credit of exposing the Tortilla mining scheme given to the New York Herald, by other papers ignorant of the affair. The Herald was one of the few New York journals to publish the ridiculous advertisement of the Tortilla Mining Company, which no reputable paper should have admitted to its columns. The New York Engineering and Mining Journal, Tombstone EPITAPH and the Silver Belt are entitled to all the credit.—Globe Silver Belt.

The London Graphic, which has so long been fighting down silver, now says: The demand for silver is growing, and there are indications of late that there is not such a plethora of that metal as was supposed. Finally, it concludes that the testimony taken by the British Gold and Silver Commission is daily adding to the sentiment rapidly growing in England that the reign of gold monometallism in that country must soon come to a close.

Mining is assuming much of its old time activity in and around Tombstone. The Grand Central Mining Company, also the Tombstone Mill and Mining Company and several other lessees, are preparing to develop their properties extensively this winter, and it is said that 150 men could find employment there at the present time. Tombstone has a prosperous promising future before her, and we are free to assert that it is the best mining district in the world to day. Phoenix will rejoice in our neighboring city's prosperity.—Phoenix Gazette.

We feel that an apology is due to the gold and silver miners of Arizona, for the appearance of what seems to be an unjust criticism of their particular branch of mining which appeared in these columns on the 31st instant. The interview with Gen. H. I. Sayr was only intended to cover the Tortilla mines. His impressions of the country were confused to that particular group, and, as we understood it, he had no particular knowledge of any other group or section. All who are advised concerning the territory of Arizona, know very well that it possesses many excellent mines of gold and silver, as well as some of the best copper mines in the world. That the work which has been done on them demonstrates great value, is unquestionable, and that they have to contend with greater difficulties than any other people, principally due to the incessant raids and butcheries of the worst tribe of Indians known to mankind, is equally well established. We emphatically disclaim any intention in conveying in the article mentioned, the expression of any personal view of a disparaging character. The interview was the result of a casual conversation with Gen. Sayr—the impressions his, not ours. We have too many evidences of the extent and richness of the resources of Arizona to deny them full justice. Finally, had the mining editor (who was absent at Aspen) seen the manuscript before putting it into print, the objectionable portion would have been stricken out.—Denver Mining Review.

THE HAMBLETON MURDER CASE.

In a case, which was brought here on a charge of murder from Pima County, has been fought manfully through, and resulted in Hambleton's acquittal, after the jury being out three days. Messrs. Herring and J. R. H. represent the prosecution and Messrs. Goodrich, Zabriskie and Moore, the defense. The killing took place at Nogales, where Hambleton was mounted customs inspector, and the victim, D. M. Kahler, was agent for the Sonora Railroad. The particulars were published in the EPITAPH at the time. The trial first came up in Tucson, where the jury failed to agree, standing, it is understood, eight for conviction and four for acquittal. On appeal, the case is the victim of which has been defended through out. Collector McGinnis not only failed to suspend the accused pending his trial, but actually promoted him, while the United States Attorney was instructed by the Department of Justice in Washington to defend Mr. Hambleton. As a result of these strenuous efforts and the efforts of two of the best criminal lawyers that could be employed in the Territory, the accused was acquitted.

HOMES FOR EVERYBODY.

We call the attention of agriculturalists of the great advantage to be derived from settling in this country, especially by parties of moderate means, over that of California, where the lands are selling at fabulous prices, for we are assured that in the counties of Los Angeles and San Diego, where the lands are irrigated, it would be difficult to find any one willing to sell for less than from \$300 to \$500 per acre, and the valley land suitable for the cultivation of grapes, small grain, etc., sells rapidly now at from \$150 to \$200 per acre, and this without irrigation.

We propose to show by figures the difference in investing in real estate in California and in this country, and will take a quarter section, or 160 acres, to figure on. In Southern California, at \$200 per acre it will require \$32,000 to buy a quarter section. Here in Cochise county where there are millions of acres of vacant land, subject to entry under existing laws, it would require, in Land Office fees, traveling expenses, etc., say \$50 to locate 160 acres of land, that will produce as much, if irrigated, as the \$200 land in California.

Now here is the difference of \$31,950 in the price of a quarter section of land in favor of this country. Remember, a title to 160 acres can be acquired here under the homestead, pre-emption, or timber culture acts of Congress. A township (36 miles square) contains 36 sections of 360 acres each, or 23040 acres in all, and will furnish homes for 144 settlers, each locating 160 acres. Now the question arises, what can the settler realize by squatting on 160 acres of the arid plains of Arizona where he could not cultivate anything without irrigation, and where it requires about 40 acres to keep a cow or horse the year round.

It has been demonstrated practically, not only in this country, but in various sections of our territory, that our valley lands (the desert or arid plains) are exceedingly productive when brought under cultivation, if irrigated, and they are equally as productive as the average of the high priced lands of California, and our climate is equal to the most favored portions of said State as to health, and will produce everything that highly favored region produces except the citrus or semi tropical fruit.

Competent and skilled engineers have decided that it is practicable to store the water in the mountain canyons and use the same for irrigation. Thousands of artesian wells have been bored in California and used for irrigation in that state, and we see no reason why it cannot be done successfully in this Territory. If the farmer can acquire 160 acres of land for almost nothing here, could he not very well afford to pay capitalistic liberality for developing water for irrigation his land, his quarter section; or it preferable, let the settlers organize their own companies and construct irrigation works of their own and under direction of skilled engineers.

We assert without the fear of successful contradiction that with the expenditure of necessary capital to develop the water for irrigation purposes in this country, that our lands, ton, will, at no distant period, be worth from \$200 to \$300 per acre, or at least will pay a good interest, on that sum per acre.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we are far from underrating the climate, productions and natural resources of California. It is well enough for the capitalist to seek a home in California, but the poor man, or one possessed of only a few thousand dollars, who desires to acquire a farm to cultivate or raise live stock, Arizona, and especially Cochise county, offers inducements far superior to that of California.

Professor A. Worrell, of Paris, Texas, an ex-Californian, in a long communication to the Fort Worth Gazette, gives some excellent reasons why the farmers of Texas should not sacrifice their homes, worth from \$10 to \$20 per acre, and go to California and invest in land at from \$200 to \$300 per acre or more. In answer to the question, What about moving to California? he replies, "Well, if you have plenty of money, and don't care to make any more, I think you would enjoy living there. If you have nothing to do but to look after your own comfort and pleasure, I am sure you could spend much of your time there. You will there find some few very wealthy people, and if you could succeed in forming an alliance with some of these on the basis of pleasure seeking, I do not see why you might not enjoy as much in California, and especially in Southern California, as in any State in the Union. But if you are a poor man and wish to make money by purchasing land and improving a home, I feel sure that you had better go to any other State or Territory in our government. If you have a few thousand dollars and wish to speculate with it, I am confident that you could do better, in this line, in any other part of our country."

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LAMAR VS SPARKS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—Secretary Lamar this afternoon sent a letter to Commissioner Sparks sharply replying to a communication from the latter relative to the judgment of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad land grants, informing Sparks in conclusion, that either he or the Secretary must forthwith retire from the Department.

The differences between Secretary Lamar and Land Commissioner Sparks which have existed for the past year or more, have culminated at last in a row which must necessarily result in the retirement of General Sparks to the shades of private life.

There is apparently no alternative, inasmuch as the Secretary says the matter has been referred to the President and that the President must choose between the two.

General Sparks is possessed of a choleric and stubborn disposition, which renders him unduly sensitive to all restraint. He has, in short, managed the affairs of the office as if he were a law unto himself. Secretary Lamar, at whose instance General Sparks was originally appointed, has borne with his Land Commissioner until exhausted patience could bear no more.

General Sparks will no doubt leave the service without a single regret. He is a man of large wealth and therefore independent of the emoluments of public office. It is well known among the General's friends that he is heartily sick of the office and that he would have retired long ago but for an unwillingness that his enemies should believe that they had gotten the better of the contest.

The case in point is that wherein Sparks decided that the Omaha road had forfeited a large amount of their granted land. Shortly after Secretary Lamar reviewed Sparks' decision and reversed it, restoring the lands to the railroad company. Sparks wrote a long letter to the Secretary, protesting against the reversal. The Secretary in reply says:

"I am fortunately able to answer it conveniently and with rapidity, because every point submitted by Sparks has been the subject of consideration, having been presented through the columns of the press, where enterprise put them in possession of these points, before I was apprised that the decision referred to in your letter had incurred your disapproval and met with your disapproval." The Secretary then goes on at great length to consider the points in his decision which Sparks had claimed were erroneous, and to show why, from his standpoint, they were correct. "I have," adds he, "neither the disposition to enter upon a polemic discussion with a subordinate nor to engage with him in this instance in a general editorial combat, especially so in the matter in which he has received my carefully matured instructions. No other way can the functions of a great public department be successfully executed than for the chief to command, and the subordinate to obey."

After further considering various points raised by Commissioner Sparks, the Secretary says:

"I had conceived it to be my duty, as head of this department, to direct you as to what duties I require you to perform. I had also conceived it to be equally your duty, under the same obligations, to obey my instructions, or withdraw yourself from the duty of so doing, it being the only way recognized under the laws and usages of public life, in civilized countries; especially so when I was myself acting in direct conformity to a recent Act of Congress which imposes on me the exclusive duty of causing these grants to be adjusted. The practical effect of your present course is that you cannot obey my orders and follow my instructions, and co-operate in my administration without surrendering opinions which should be conscientiously entertained with reference to vitally important interests. It is impossible for me, in contravention of my own opinions, arrived at after long and anxious study, to surrender them to you. Under these circumstances it is due to orderly and decorous administration of our Government, to an important public interest, to the common cause confided into our hands by the President, and to the personal regard we should both entertain for him, that he should be allowed to choose a Secretary of the Interior, who will conform his administration to his opinions, or appoint a Commissioner of Public Lands who will administer his bureau in a harmonious spirit and concert of action with the chief of the department. This alternative I shall submit to the President."

The Carlisle company now has 50 stamps in operation, and ten more which will soon be ready to start. The company has just finished putting in a \$15,000 pump which is expected to meet all the requirements for pumping up water for use at the mill. A 30-ton smelter will be immediately put up there, the material now being at Lordburg and Duncan. The mine is reported looking better now than ever before and is being worked with satisfactory results. A \$12,000 brick was turned out this week, and the production of the mine is said to be steadily increasing. Miners are paid \$3.25 per day and the camp takes altogether is prosperous.—Silver City Sentinel.

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